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Memorandum

DATE: May 12, 2010

TO: Regional Entrepreneurial Stakeholders

FROM: Liza Estlund Olson, Director *Leo/Jo*
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SUBJECT: Release of Request for Proposals for the Development of Regional Entrepreneurial Collaboratives

Entrepreneurship is an integral part of Michigan's past, present, and future. Accessing entrepreneurial support services can no longer be a challenge in these economic times. To address this challenge, the Bureau of Workforce Transformation (BWT) is pleased to announce the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development of Regional Entrepreneurial Collaboratives (RECs).

This REC RFP offers self-defined regions an opportunity to prepare entrepreneurs for business start-ups and to create and/or enhance a comprehensive entrepreneurial support system. The RFP is both attached and posted on the Michigan Skills Alliances Web site at www.michigan.gov/rfa. The Bureau of Workforce Transformation will accept REC proposal submissions through Friday, June 25, 2010.

A Virtual Bidders Conference Webinar will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to review the REC RFP, and answer RFP-related questions from potential bidders. Who should attend? Eligible RFP applicants, including:

- Non-Profit Organizations
- Local Units of Government
- Economic Development Organizations
- Michigan Works! Agencies/Workforce Development Boards
- Business Associations
- Chambers of Commerce
- Post Secondary Education Institutions

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To complete the required registration, please send an e-mail to the BWT, Training and Development Unit at: bwt-training@michigan.gov. Include the following details:

- (1) Your name and agency,**
- (2) Your telephone number,**
- (3) Your e-mail address,**
- (4) The number of computer logins requested,**
- (5) The number of participants at each login,**
- (6) Webinar name – (Regional Entrepreneurial Collaborative)**

There are a limited number of logins available for the Webinar. As a result, we recommend that individuals in the same work location attend this Webinar as a group. This allows additional interested parties to participate.

After receipt of your request to participate, the BWT Training and Development Unit will e-mail your registration confirmation, as well as the call-in number, pass code, and session instructions. If there are any questions about registering for this Webinar, please contact Ms. Darlene Hubskey, Human Resource Developer by telephone at (989) 776-1512 or by e-mail at [**HubskeyD@michigan.gov**](mailto:HubskeyD@michigan.gov).

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Attachment

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